



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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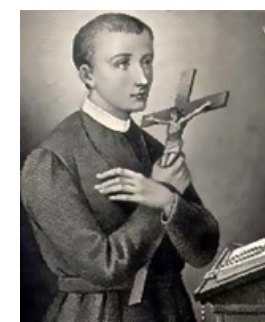
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - October 25/26, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading - Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer to St Gerard Majella

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr Edward Sri / RCIA Program

Join us this Thursday at 7pm as we explore the topic of *WHO IS JESUS?: Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?* This beautifully crafted video series provides a deep exploration into our faith that will benefit all who attend. Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, are new to the faith or are an experienced Catholic you are guaranteed to learn something and find it to be a worthwhile experience. For more information, contact Jeff on 0477 188 883.

ST. GERARD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Last Sunday, 19th October, we celebrated the feast of our Patron, Saint Gerard.

It was a wonderful Mass solemnised by Bishop Thinh Nguyen, whom we were most honoured to have in our parish on this day. It was so wonderful to see many parishioners and visitors in our Church for the Mass and to help us celebrate afterwards.



Our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped to make this celebration such a memorable event. As you can imagine there are too many people to list and mention and, they have our sincere gratitude and thanks.

- Fr. S. Marneni, PPC & Parish Staff



Australia Catholic Youth Festival 2025 - The Archdiocese of Melbourne is anticipating welcoming young people and groups to the Festival later this year.

Significant registration information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms and conditions and group types can be found via the registration page of ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au/registration. Last day 30th October 2025.

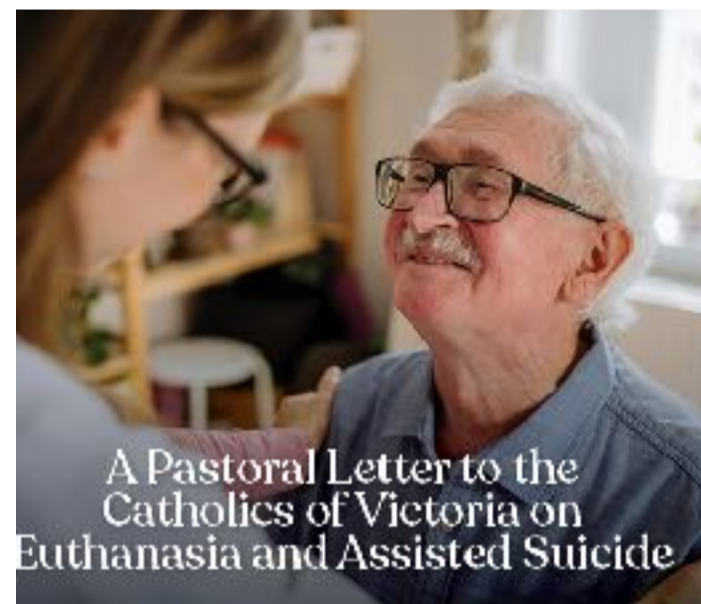
THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT - 'At the feet of Jesus: on

retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus' to be held on Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon - 4pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. All are invited to this free retreat opening anew key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. Learn more and register: <https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

Please note that our monthly **Million Of Monicas** prayer gathering will not be held on the first Tuesday of November due to the Melbourne Cup. Instead, it has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 11th November**.

We look forward to seeing you then as we continue to pray together with hope and perseverance.

****Please do not park in the carpark opposite our church (on Gladstone Road) when you come to Mass. There is limited parking for the stores and we have received several complaints. Thank you. ****



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



PLEASE SEE NOTE ABOVE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 25th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Bertha Ratnayake (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 26th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Trudie Chmielewski (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

and Thanksgiving to Jesus of Divine Mercy, The Blessed Mother and St. Carlo Acutis for prayers answered

Mass 10:30am For the souls in Purgatory

and Repose of the Soul of P.K. Sebastian (*1st Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 5:30pm Ivan Glavacevic (*Remembrance* ✠)

Monday 27th October

Mass 9:15am Intentions of Zvonko Glavacevic

and Maureen Jayamaha (*3mth Remembrance* ✠)

Tuesday 28th October - Saints Simon and Jude

Mass 9:15am Marija, Andrija, Milan and Smilja Vlatkovic (*Remembrance* ✠)

Wednesday 29th October

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Charles Henry and Antonette Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Sarah Jane Chavez (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

and Birthday Thanksgiving

and Angelo Pane (*Death Anniversary* ✠) and for the souls in Purgatory

Thursday 30th October

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Kereena Lopez

7:00-9:00pm RCIA - Symbolon Program in the Majellan Hall

Friday 31st October

Mass 9:15am Antonio Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

and Private Intention

Saturday 1st November - All Saint's Day

Mass 9:15am Betram Tirimanne (*48th Death Anniversary* ✠)

and For the souls of Leonita Glico Maurier, and Pacifico, Antonio, Eduardo, Danilo and Ramon Glico and Cyril Maurier ✠

Saturday Vigil, 1st November

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 2nd November

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving to Jesus of Divine Mercy, The Blessed Mother and Saint Carlo Acutis for prayers answered

and Cynthia Scanlon (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Anne Moorthy, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Sean VanTwest, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gratian Vettivelu, Rocco, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, John Keble, Francis Salmon, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Carlton Jackson, Gerard Hoareau, Chanelle, Susan McKenna

The recently deceased:

Fr Francis Burns, Walter Nyss, Sarah Jane, Prudence Candappa, Anthony Machado, Antoinette Cortese, Clarice Giacomini

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Trudie Chmielewski, P.K Sebastian, Angelo Pane

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 1

Gonsalves family, Mario, L. Harper

Saturday, November 8

R. Quyn, Fernando Family, T. Bui

Weekly Collection

19th October, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,572.50

Presbytery: \$718.65

Reading Roster

Saturday, 1st November

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, 2nd November

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, 1st November

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, 2nd November

8:30am G. VanHees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Mass at St. Gerard's

Maronite Mass - Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Tamil Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

French Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm (*Rosary 2.45pm*)

November Masses

Please bring your envelopes to the office or hand directly to Fr Shanthaiah.

Please note that the Church will be opened at approximately 8:00am and then locked at 2:30pm each weekday.

Daily Antiphons - Monday October 27 to Saturday November 1, 2025

Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 27

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Our God is the God of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude

Entrance Antiphon: These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in His own perfect love; to them He gave eternal glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; the glorious company of apostles praise You. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him.

Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 29

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: All my hope, O Lord, is in Your loving kindness.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God has called us with the Gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 30

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Save me, O Lord, in Your kindness.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord: glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 31

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - November 1 - All Saints

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.